(b) if so, the steps taken to curb the infant mortality rate; and

(c) the Central schemes sponsored for the purpose in different States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. BASAVARAJESWARI): (a) to (c) As per the estimates of infant mortality obtained from the Sample Registration System, the infant mortality rate has decreased from 110 in 1981 to 74 in 1993. A number of interventions have been made by the Government to lower the infant mortality rate in the country which include Child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programme (CSSM), Maternal & Child Health Care (MCH) Programmes and the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme. These programmes offer various services which include immunization, management of diarrhoea and pneumonia, control of Vitamin 'A' deficiency, prophylaxis and treatment of anaemia, antenatal, natal and post natal care and promotion of breastfeeding besides aiming to improve the nutritional status of the pregnant and nursing mothers.

Creation of Asian Hockey Development Fund

7478. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Hockey Federation has asked the Indian Hockey Federation to prepare a draft plan and the budget for the creation of an Asian Hockey Development Fund;

(b) if so, whether the A.H.F., at its council meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, on March 26 and 27, 1995 accepted in principle the proposal given by the I.H.F. Secretary;

(c) if so, the details of decisions taken at this meeting in this regard; and

(d) the follow-up action taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Indian Hockey Federation has informed that the proposal was agreed to, in principle, by the Committee and will now be taken up for further discussion in the meeting of the Asian Hockey Federation in July, 1995.

Development of Ajanta and Ellora

7479. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a memorandum is submitted by Aurangabad Administration regarding the development of Ajanta & Ellora as an important tourist centre;

(b) if so, what are the main suggestion; and

(c) what is the response of the Government in regard thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Study on Organisation of Sports in other Countries

7480. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been done of the sports bureaucracy in the other countries which do well in the Olympics;

(b) if so, the details of such studies;

(c) whether Government have assessed the existing sports organisations and bureaucracy in India; and

(d) whether any positive changes are contemplated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Government has been assessing from time to time the working of various National Sports Organisations and have been issuing guidelines to them for the further development of sports in the country.

Proper Utilisation of Stadia

7481. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sports Authority of India has any long-term plans for use of Stadia and Sports facilities under its control;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Sports Authority of India is not able to enhance utilisation of Stadia and other facilities; and

(c) steps proposed to formulate plans for optimum utilisation of sports facilities under Sports Authority of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Sports Authority of India has already launched various schemes for optimum utilisation of Stadia and other sports facilities by organising Regular Coaching Scheme, Pay & Play Scheme, holding of training camps for Junior and Senior National Teams, organising of competitions at School, College, University, State and National Level and conducting of various refresher/diploma courses.

Deaths of Children due to Malnutrition

7482. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly five thousand children below the age of five die of malnutrition in India every day;

(b) whether it is a fact that nearly 63% of all children under five years of age are malnourished;

(c) if so, what are the causes thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to redress the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SMT. BASAVARAJESWARI): (a) No, Sir. The latest figures available on Child Mortality Rate (CMR) (0—4 years) pertains to the year 1992, which puts CMR at 26.5 and the major causes of Child Mortality are malnutrition, vaccine preventable diseases, Diarrhoeal diseases, Acute Respiratory Infections and inadequate maternal and new born care.

(b) The National level estimates on levels of malnutrition among children are available only in the Repeat Surveys for the period 1988—90 carried out by National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB), as per which only about 8.7% of children under five years of age are severely malnourished. In addition, 37.6% and 43.8% of the children, as per NNMB Surveys, suffer from mild and moderate degrees of malnutrition respectively.

(c) Inadequate dietary in-take, low purchasing power, high levels of illiteracy, diseases, lack of awareness on